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## (57) Abstract

The present invention relates to inducible promoters for use in the control of heterologous genes in transformed plants. Suitable inducible promoters are those which are responsive to low levels of an environmentally acceptable and non-phytotoxic inducing agent, and which also demonstrates a low level of developmentally or environmentally induced expression. A preferred promoter naturally drives the expression of a 21.3kDa protein in *Asparagus officinalis* or an equivalent protein from the *Liliaceae* or *Amaryllidaceae* families. Under the control of a promoter of the invention, a gene will be expressed upon induction by SA or BTH, but preferably will not be developmentally expressed, systemically activated upon pathogen infection, or in response to ABA, ethylene, oxidative or osmotic stresses, or wounding.

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